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JOSEPH PATERNOSTER )  
Application No.: 10/511,421 ) Examiner: Not yet assigned  
Filing Date: 10/14/2004 )  
For: USE OF THERMOREGULATORY )  
MATERIAL TO IMPROVE )  
EXERCISE PERFORMANCE )

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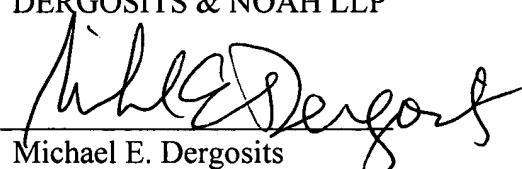
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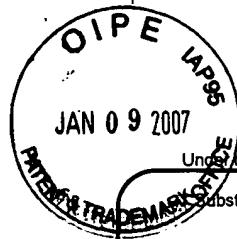
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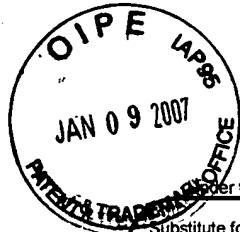
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